

# FORT MASSEY CHURCH

Watching over Halifax harbour since 1871

A Congregation of The United Church of Canada

First Sunday of Advent ~ 10:30 a.m., 27<sup>th</sup> November 2011

## THE GATHERING

\* Please stand in body or spirit.

**ORGAN PRELUDE** - Freeman Dryden, Supply Organist

Chorale-Improvisation on an Iona Chant (VU 33) F.A.D.

Chorale Prelude on VENI EMMANUEL (VU 1) Gerhard Krapf (20th c.)

\***PROCESSIONAL CAROL** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vs. 1-3 VU 1

\***OPENING SENTENCES**

*The season of Advent challenges us  
to see God's vision of what is yet to be,  
to hear God's voice calling anew,  
to smell the scent of God in our world.*

\***PRAYER OF AWARENESS**

*We pray:  
God of all time, bless this season of Advent. May we recognize  
your presentness, rather than merely scuttle to and fro, in a frenzy  
of cooking and shopping, parties and glitter. For this season  
is precious time... of waiting, of hoping. Amen.*

\***THE PEACE** The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**WELCOME & LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION** - Colleen Estabrooks

**OFFERING**

Offertory Words

Offertory: "Rejoice in the Lord Alway" Henry Purcell (1659 - 1695)

(an "anthem" for the Sunday-Next-Before-Advent: Philippians iv.4-7)

\***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** Hope Is a Star, v. 1 VU 7

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Lighting of the Advent Candle One, Hope

*Winter is in the air: we look for the joys ahead; for holy-days and recreation,  
waiting and incarnation.*

**Come, Companion Jesus, Come.**

*This candle reminds us of the light of hope.*

**In the stillness of our worship here, we light this candle,**

**watching it burn and glow,**

**and we affirm once again that we are a people of God.**

*The candle is lit; White Gift bags are distributed during the singing of the Carol.*

\***ADVENT CAROL** A Candle Is Burning, v. 1 VU 6  
*Children leave for Church School in the lower hall; Nursery is located off the Tobin St. lobby*

**SILENCE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYER OF JESUS** The Lord's Prayer VU 921

**REFLECTIVE MUSIC** Une Larme - A Tear Modest Mussorgsky  
*Kevin Roberts, piano*

**READINGS** The Happiness Project, Gretchen Rubin (*excerpt*); Luke 1:26-31

**SOLO** Pie Jesu Gabriel Faure  
*Valerie Bellamy, soprano Leah Collins Lipsett, piano*

**CONTEMPORARY WORD** "Anticipation" - Rev. Trent

\***COMMUNION HYMN** Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face, vs 1-3 VU 459

**ADVENT COMMUNION** Sacrament of The Lord's Supper INSERT  
The Bread: *LAYING DOWN* (Before I Take the Body of My Lord, VU462)  
The Cup: *BEDFORD ABBEY* (O Ancient Love Processing Through the Ages, VU 17)

\***COMMUNION HYMN** Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face, vs. 4&5 VU 459

\***WORDS OF MISSION**

*Let us go in faith to ponder in our hearts the mystery  
and the wonder of this season...*

*(The advent candle is extinguished)*

*Gathered together We wait for the light.*

*Standing together We trust in the light.*

*Praying together We hope for the light.*

*Seeking together We step out with the light.*

*Singing together We are blessed by the light.*

\***RECESSIONAL CAROL** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vs. 4&5 VU 1

\***BLESSING WORDS** Response: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** Chorale-Improvisation on HELMSLEY (VU 25) F.A.D.

## *In the Community...*

**Bishop's University Singers & Phoenix Community in Concert**, November 27, 7:30 pm, Spatz Theatre (Citadel High School). \$ 25 & \$ 20 for Senior/Students.

**St. David's Presbyterian Chowder Lunch**, Dec 3, 12-2 pm. \$10 (\$5 sweets/tea/coffee).

**St. Andrew's UCW** Bake Sale, Crafts, Jewellery, New-to-you, after Sunday worship, Dec 4, 12 -1:30 pm, in the Church Hall, Coburg Rd. Free admission. Coffee/Tea/Muffins.

**Seton Cantata Choir** presents its annual Christmas concert, *Seton's Greetings*, on Dec 4 at 3 pm at Bethany United Church, 7171 Clinton Street, Halifax. Tickets: \$15 429-1680 and at the door. The choir, under the direction of Wayne Rogers with accompanist Dean Bradshaw, will perform a blend of sacred text and modern music.

**The Halifax Camerata Singers**, featuring Camerata Xara Young Women's Choir, present *A Child's Christmas in Wales* on Dec. 4 at 4 pm at First Baptist Church, Halifax. Dylan Thomas's celebrated prose is a nostalgic telling of the story of a Welsh Christmas from the view of a child. This popular work will be read by John Hancock, a familiar voice from CBC. The audience will be invited to join the choirs for a singalong of familiar carols, accompanied by organist Shawn Whynot. Tickets – \$20, \$10 student – are available from choir members, by PayPal at [www.halifaxcamerata.org](http://www.halifaxcamerata.org), and at the door.

**The Annual RCCO Carol Service** at the Cathedral Church of All Saints on Tower Rd. will be held on Monday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 (organ preludes) for 7:30 pm. Free will Offering.

## *At the Kirk...*

**Concert @ the fort.** Start your Christmas Season off by listening to the Halifax Girls Honour Choir here at Fort Massey on Wed, Nov 30, at 7:00 pm. There will be a free-will offering and reception to follow.

**FMC's 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** takes place this year on Sunday, Dec 4, at 10:30 am. Guest Preacher is the Rev'd Vince Ihasz, Bethany United Church, Halifax. Our luncheon reception will follow. **We need** ingredients for the fish chowder, as well as sandwiches. Please check the easel board in the Tobin St. lobby for the sign-up sheet. We'll also need a work party to make the chowder Dec 2, 1-3 pm.

**Movember** is an annual campaign in which men begin the month of November clean-shaven and over the course of the month grow out their moustaches as walking billboards for the movement. The goal of Movember is to raise awareness of and donations toward prostate cancer research. To this end I completely shaved my beard at the beginning of the month and have only been growing a moustache since. I have joined with four of my student colleagues and as a team we have raised just over \$800. If anyone is interested in donating money toward the cause of men's health and prostate cancer research they can find my "mospace" page online at <http://mobro.co/rbossler> and donate either to me or to my team. – Robert Bossler, Fort Massey's Student Minister. Editor's Note: the British consider sporting a moustache to be an indicator that *he is a man of action*.

## *Fort Massey United Church ~ where life and faith meet ~*

**Welcome** to Fort Massey *by-the-sea*. **Visitors** are invited to sign our Guest Book and fill out a Welcome Card at the left of the main doors upon exiting, leaving it with the guest book. Join us in the lower hall after worship for **coffee & conversation**; your host is *Irene Parks*. *Sign-up* in the Tobin St. lobby to be a host.

**Newsletter deadline** is Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. E-mail to <dundeed@seasidehighspeed.com>

**2011 Canadian Church Calendars** are for sale in the lower hall after the Service. \$5.

**Book Launch.** Dr. Ruth MacKenzie has completed a small book, *History of Fort Massey, 1971-2011*, to complement the late Rev'd. Dr. D. M. Sinclair's *History of Fort Massey, 1871-1971*. It will go on sale Sunday, Dec 4, for \$10, with all proceeds going to the Session Fund (FMC's benevolent fund).

**Phoenix House.** Thank you for your generous support for the Snack Program. **Phoenix House Nutcracker Luncheon**, Tue, Dec 13, 11:45 am -1:45 pm, World Trade & Convention Centre. \$75/60 Sr. Call 405-3078.

**Christmas Outreach.** Pre-Order ([alia@nspirg.org](mailto:alia@nspirg.org)) Samosas to Support the Chaudhry Family! Order before noon on Tues Pick up Wed between 11:30am – 2 pm in the NSPIRG Office, room 314 Dalhousie Student Union Building. \$2.75 or two for \$5.

**Brunswick St. Mission** Pewter Tree Ornaments. \$15. See the minister for your order.

**Mission to Seafarers** Christmas bags are due Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. Our goal is 50 bags! Fill them with socks, gloves, scarves, toiletry items, etc.

**White Gift Food Bags** can be returned on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>; and will go to the Brunswick Street Mission Food Bank. Non-perishable items only. Thank you.

**M&S Christmas Stockings** are due Dec 18<sup>th</sup>. **M&S Advent Calendars** are available in the Tobin St. lobby on the Welcome Table.

**Camp Kidston Gift Certificates** are a great Christmas gift available in any denomination and can be used to purchase Kidston clothing, etc. or to send your child or grandchild to camp next summer. If you are interested please contact Angela Falkenham, Registrar, 835-2453, [ange@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:ange@ns.sympatico.ca)

**Oxfam.** Want to make a difference this Christmas? Consider Oxfam Unwrapped! It is an on-line alternative giving program that offers a selection of life-changing gifts. Visit <http://www.oxfamunwrapped.ca/>

**Fair Trade "Breaking the Silence" Just Us! Coffee** and Fair Trade Zatoun Olive Oil, Olive Oil Soap, and Za'atar spices – from and in support of farmers in Palestine and peace with justice in the Holy Land. To purchase the coffee wholesale and in bulk, contact Just Us! 1-888-NOT-THEM (668-8436); and/or to purchase the Zatoun olive oil and other Palestinian products, contact Linda Scherzinger at 425-0339.

## *The week at a glance...*

**UCW Business Meeting** (brief) will be held in the Church Parlour after the Service.

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| Mon  | 11-1  | Church Hall/Cornwallis Park        | South End Playgroup                  |
| Mon  | 3-4:30 pm   | Lower Hall                         | Acupuncture Class                    |
| Tue  | 10 am   | Isabel Robertson's                 | Women's Coffee Group                 |
| Tue  | 5-7 pm  | St. Andrew's UC                    | University Student Suppers           |
| Tue  | 6 pm  | Gym                                | Men's Basketball                     |
| <b>Tue</b>   | <b>6:30 pm</b>  | <b>Minister's Study</b>            | <b>Outreach Committee</b>            |
| Tue  | 7-8:15 pm   | Lower Hall                         | Yoga with Jenny MacDougall           |
| <b>Tue</b>   | <b>7:30 pm</b>  | <b>Minister's Study</b>            | <b>Kirk Session</b>                  |
| Wed  | 9:30-11:30 am   | Lower Hall                         | Breastfeeding Support                |
|  | (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month) in partnership with |                                    | Public Health                        |
| Wed  | 10-11:30 am   | Church Hall                        | Japanese Playgroup                   |
| Wed  | 3-4:30 pm   | Lower Hall                         | Acupuncture Class                    |
| <b>Wed</b>   | <b>7 pm</b>   | <b>Sanctuary &amp; Church Hall</b> | <b>Concert &amp; Reception</b>       |
| Thu  | 10:30 am  | Minister's Study                   | Spirit Connectors                    |
| Thu  | 11am -1pm   | Lower Hall                         | Weight Watchers                      |
| Thu  | 6 pm  | Gym                                | Men's Floor hockey                   |
| Thu  | 7:30 pm   | Sanctuary                          | Choir Practice                       |
| Fri  | 9:30 am, <u>Dec 9</u>   | Cousin's Restaurant                | Next Men's Breakfast                 |
| Fri  | 10-11:30 pm   | Lower Hall                         | Acupuncture Class                    |
| Fri  | 1-3 pm  | Kitchen                            | Chowder-making                       |
| Fri  | 6-7 pm  | Lower Hall                         | Choi Kwang Do                        |
| Fri  | 7-8 pm  | Gym                                | Dal Student Taekwondo Society        |
| <b>Sunday, Dec 4, Advent 2, 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> |   |                                    |                                      |
| Sun  | 10 am   | Sanctuary                          | Choir Practice                       |
| <b>Sun</b>   | <b>10:30 am</b>   | <b>Sanctuary</b>                   | <b>Worship with Rev. Vince Ihasz</b> |
| Sun  | 10:45 am  | Lower Hall & Nursery               | Church School & Nursery              |
| <b>Sun</b>   | <b>11:30 am</b>   | <b>Lower Hall</b>                  | <b>Anniversary Lunch</b>             |
| Sun  | 2-3 pm  | Lower Hall                         | Choi Kwang Do                        |
| Sun  | 3-4 pm  | Gym                                | Dal Student Taekwondo Society        |

**Coming up @ the fort...** Dec 11, White Gift Sunday, 10:30 am; Dec 18, Carol Service, 10:30 am; Dec 24, Christmas Eve Family Service, 7 pm; Dec 25, Christmas Day Service, 10:30 - 11am; Jan 1, New Year's Communion at-the-rail, 10:30 am; Jan 8, Epiphany Service, 10:30 am

### *Leadership in the Community of Faith*

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| Trent D. Cleveland-Thompson, Minister | Pierre Perron, Music Director                   |
| Robert Bossler, Student Minister      | John Walter, Assistant Organist                 |
| Richard & Carol Robinson, Sextons     | Kevin Robarts, Flutist                          |
| Kathy Cochrane, Office Administrator  | Leah Collins Lipsett, Accompanist               |
| Sancia Knorr, SS Co-ordinator         | Elaine Janson, Nursery                          |
| Alasdair Sinclair, Clerk of Session   | Kevork Peltekian, Board Chair                   |
| Alan G. Hayman, Senior Trustee        | Leslie Pezzack, Treasurer                       |
| Irene Parks, UCW President            | Ian MacDonald & Elliott Prouty, Presbytery Reps |
| Colleen Estabrooks, M&S Enthusiast    | H. Douglas Ritcey, Honorary Elder               |
| Linda Dean, Nominating Chair          | Elliott Prouty, Head Usher                      |

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